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CC: M/001/027

August 26, 2003

William R. Wilson
Basin Perlite Company
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Denver, Colorado 80202

Subject: Notice of File Closure, Basin Perlite Company, Pearl Queen Perlite Millsite,
M/001/043, Beaver County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On May 28, 2003, the Division approved the amended large mine notice and permit for the Pearl Queen Perlite Mine (file number M/001/027). As you have previously been advised, upon approval of that amendment, which includes certain reclamation commitments for waste material produced and stockpiled at the millsite, the millsite file could be closed.

Before the file could be closed, the Division had to do an Analysis and Findings for the Termination of Jurisdiction of UDOGM Regulation of the Pearl Queen Perlite Mill. That findings document has now been completed (copy enclosed). The findings document concluded that the mill site does NOT fall under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Program and the jurisdiction is hereby terminated.

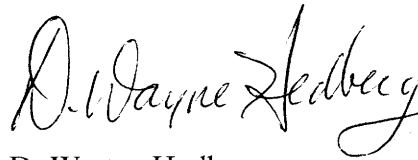
This letter is to advise you that the Division has now officially closed the Pearl Queen Perlite Millsite permit #M/001/043 and retired the file.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to working cooperatively with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

D. Wayne Hedberg
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